

Declaration of Interest

East Midlands Patient Public Involvement Senate

1: Background

Maintaining public trust is a high priority at Health Innovation East Midlands (HIEM).

We are transparent about how we maintain impartiality. Declaring any interests which might unfairly influence decisions is a robust way to uphold standards. It also demonstrates to patients and the public a culture of fairness, openness and honesty. Senate members may be involved with a range of wider forums and networks which we view as positive and worth knowing about.

2: Declaring your interests

If you believe you have any personal or professional interests that could impact, or be seen to impact on your independent thinking, please declare them on this form. All declared interests will be formally recorded and published on the HIEM website.

3: Interests that are relevant and material

This could be interests relating to you or someone you have a close relationship with. Please read more in Appendix 1.

- Directorships, including non-executive directorships held in public bodies, private companies or Public Limited Companies.
- Ownership or part-ownership of private companies, businesses or consultancies likely or possibly seeking to do business with the NHS.
- Shareholdings in organisations likely to do business with the NHS.
- A position of authority in a charity or voluntary organisation in the field of health and social care.
- Any connection with a voluntary or other organisation contracting/potentially contracting for NHS services.
- Research funding/grants that may be received by an individual or their department.
- Any close relationship with a member or HIEM or Nottingham University Hospitals.

Any member of the PPI Senate who comes to know that HIEM has entered into or proposes to enter into a contract in which they or any person connected with them (as defined in Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust's Standing Orders) has any pecuniary* interest, direct or indirect, shall declare their interest by giving notice in writing of such fact to the Trust as soon as practicable. *Pecuniary is related to money, gifts, or resources.



4: Your declaration of Interests

Print Name: Denise McLean

Position: East Midlands PPI Senate member.

Date: 10/09/25

All declared interests will be formally recorded in a Register of Interests which will be published on the HIEM website.

PPI Senate Members who have no interests to declare must make a 'nil declaration'.

COMPANY/ORGANISATION	INTEREST TO DECLARE
Versus Arthritis	Research Partner

The completed form should be submitted to Sarah Nicholls, Programme Coordinator, Health Innovation East Midlands - sarah.nicholls1@nottingham.ac.uk

Appendix 1

From **NUH Conflict of Interest Policy** approved Sept 2022

Interests fall into the following categories:

Financial interests - where an individual may get direct financial benefit* from the consequences of a decision they are involved in making

Non-financial personal interests - where an individual may benefit* personally in ways which are not directly linked to their professional career and do not give rise to a direct financial benefit*, because of decisions they are involved in making in their professional career

Non-financial professional interests - where an individual may obtain a non-financial professional benefit* from the consequences of a decision they are involved in making, such as increasing their professional reputation or promoting their professional career

Indirect interests - where an individual has a close association** with another individual who has a financial interest, a non-financial professional interest or a non-financial personal interest who would stand to benefit * from a decision they are involved in making

* A benefit may arise from the making of gain or avoiding a loss

**Close Association - these may arise through relationships with close family members and relatives, close friends and associates, and business partners. A common sense approach should be applied to these terms. It would be unrealistic to expect staff to know of all the interests that people in these classes might hold. However, if staff do know of material interests (or could be reasonably expected to know about these) then these should be declared

A conflict of interest may be:

Actual – there is a material conflict between one or more interests.

Potential – there is the possibility of a material conflict between one or more interests in the future.